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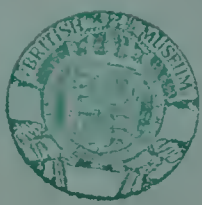


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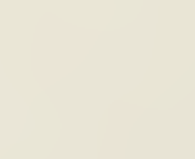
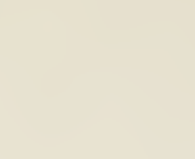
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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE RUGELEY
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the work of the Health Department, and the state of health and wellbeing of the inhabitants of the District, for the year 1960.

The total population of the Urban District in 1960 was estimated at 12,130, as compared with 11,860 for the preceding year.

There were 258 live births and 94 deaths, giving a natural increase of 164, thus continuing the upward trend for this important index. However, even with this excess of births over deaths, 116 incoming persons would be required to make up the estimated population.

The live birth rate was 21.27, a similar figure to that obtained last year. It is substantially higher than the National average rate of 17.1.

Seven infants died during the year, giving an infant mortality rate of 27.13 per thousand live births, which although above the National figure of 21.7, is quite good, and has been bettered in Rugeley on only one occasion in the past.

The causes of infant deaths did not vary significantly from those recorded in previous years.

There was the hard core of congenital deformities, so gross as to be incompatible with life.

Prematurity accounted for most of the deaths in first week.

Nowadays arrangements are made for premature infants to be born in hospitals specially staffed and equipped to cope with them, and many small babies are saved thereby.

However, Some are born so prematurely that they are really far short of the development needed for a good chance of survival, and there is inevitably a proportion of loss.

There were also five still births which, in proportion to the total births is lower than the average for the country as a whole. It is indeed the lowest still birth rate (18.27) we have had in Rugeley, and must give general satisfaction.

There is nevertheless still scope for a wider use of the maternal care services which are provided. Every effort should be made to induce all expectant mothers to use these, for it is by the fuller use of the facilities which are available that we may hope to improve the figures relating to loss of infant life.

There were no maternal deaths during the year.

There were 94 deaths in Rugeley in 1960, giving a death rate of 7.83, which, when multiplied by the comparability factor of 1.37 give a comparative rate of 10.7.

Diseases of the heart and vessels accounted for forty of the total. Nearly all of these were subjects of advanced age.



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Cancer deaths (17) were the next largest group. The commonest form of cancer was cancer of the lung, followed in order of frequency by cancer of stomach, and cancer of breast. Other sites were individually considerably less frequent.

There were seven deaths from accidents. Four of these were road accidents. These deaths have an importance out of proportion to their number for the subjects are usually young and vigorous, and the loss of expectation of life is much greater than that of the other groups.

There were no cases of Diphtheria during the year. Although overshadowed by the special efforts directed against Poliomyelitis, Diphtheria immunisation continued steadily throughout the year. 388 were immunised. All were school children.

Some 4,059 persons of all ages up to 40 were immunised against poliomyelitis. No cases of the disease occurred in the District.

Only five cases of dysentery were notified in 1960. There was no food poisoning, or other intestinal infections.

Five sporadic cases of scarlet fever occurred, well distributed in time and place. All were isolated at home.

No new cases of Tuberculosis were notified. One person was cured. Five cases were transferred out of the District. This reduced the number on the register from 62 to 56.

Relatively small numbers of measles and whooping cough were notified during the year.

Analyses of the water supply to the town yielded completely satisfactory results. Apart from some unforeseen contingency, this may be expected to continue indefinitely. It is the well deserved reward of the careful application of scientific knowledge to water purification, and protection.

The **success** of the control of water pollution, and the elimination thereby of water borne disease, is in striking contrast to the widespread prevalence of disease resulting from atmospheric pollution, which, for various reasons, has not yet come under control.

During the year the Council built 64 houses and 6 bungalows. 120 houses and bungalows were erected privately.

The provision of new houses is an important Public Health measure, for the pace of slum clearance is directly dependent on the number of new dwellings provided.

I should like to take the opportunity afforded by the Annual Report of recording the friendly co-operation of colleagues of the Health Department and of the other Departments of the Council; and to thank, on behalf of the staff, the Members of the Council for their sustained interest, which does so much maintain enthusiasm and morale.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

R. Webster.

Medical Officer of Health.

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SECTION A

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

Area of District	2882 acres
Registrar General's estimate of resident population		12,130
Rateable Value	.. .. .	£127,790
Sum represented by a penny rate..	.. .. .	£479 11s. 6d.
Number of houses inhabited at the end of 1960	.. ..	3,793

LIVE BIRTHS

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	121	137	258
Illegitimate	3	4	7
Total	124	141	265

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population 21.27

Illegitimate Live Birth Rate per cent of total live births 2.71

Area Comparability Factor:-

The Area Comparability Factor provided by the Register General is 0.91. This Factor X Crude Live Birth Rate gives a standard Birth Rate for the District of 19.35

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 for England and Wales .. 17.1

LIVE BIRTHS

	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960
Legitimate ..	128	123	140	201	246	274	262	265	249	258
Illegitimate	4	-	3	3	15	9	14	4	10	7
Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated resident pop.	15.58	14.6	16.85	19.91	23.47	25.11	24.19	22.97	21.84	21.27

STILL BIRTHS

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	3	2	5
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Total	3	2	5

Still Birth Rate 1,000 live and still births 18.87

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 live and still births
(England and Wales) 19.7

STILL BIRTHS

	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960
Legitimate	4	5	4	3	9	9	10	7	8	5
Illegitimate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 live & still births	29.41	39.62	27.21	14.47	33.3	31.8	34.96	25.36	29.96	18.87

DEATHS

Nett deaths allocated to the District after allowing for inward and outward transfers:-

Male	Female	Total
51	43	94

Crude Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population.. .. 7.74

The Area Comparability Factor provided by the Registrar General is in this case.. .. 1.37

This Factor X Crude Death Rate gives a standard Death Rate of 10.5

Death Rate for England and Wales 11.5

MATERNAL MORTALITY

	Deaths	Rate per 1,000 live and still births Rugeley	Eng. and Wales
Maternal causes (excluding abortion)	-	0.00	0.31
Others due to abortion	-	0.00	0.08
	-	0.00	0.39

INFANT MORTALITY

Actual
Deaths

Rugeley
Rate

Eng.& Wales
Rate

Deaths under one year of age:-

All infants per 1,000 live births	7	27.13	21.7
Legitimate infants per 1,000 Legitimate live births	7	27.89	-
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births ..	-	-	-
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)	5	19.38	-
Early neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)	2	7.71	-
Perinatal Mortality Rate (still births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births)	9	33.96	-

Cause of Death	Under 1 week	1 - 2 weeks	3rd week	4th week	Total 1 - 4 weeks Neo-natal Mortality	4 weeks - 3 months	3 months - 6 months	6 months - 9 months	9 months - 12 months	Total deaths Under 1 year of age
Prematurity	3	1	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	4
Birth Injury	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Asphyxia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Respiratory Failure	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hydrocephalus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meningomyelocele	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Congenital Heart Disease	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	2
Intestinal Obstruction	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gastro-Enteritis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Broncho-pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kidney Disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Total	4	1	-	-	5	1	-	-	1	7

The estimated population, birth rate, infant mortality rate (I.M.R.) and Maternal Mortality Rate (M.M.R.) for the past ten years were as follows:-

	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960
Population	8,472	8,422	8,487	10,240	11,120	11,270	11,410	11,710	11860	12,130
Birth Rate	15.58	14.6	16.85	19.91	23.47	25.11	24.19	22.97	21.84	21.27
I.M. Rate	53.02	39.06	27.97	63.72	30.65	49.43	43.47	40.09	23.17	27.13
M.M. Rate	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.77	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Death Rate	11.8	9.97	8.84	9.96	8.54	9.49	9.55	9.48	8.77	7.74

Chief Causes of Death in Order of Importance

Cause of Death	Male	Female	Total	% of Total Deaths in 1960	% of Total Deaths in 1959
Heart Disease ..	8	17	25	26.59	32.24
Cancer	11	6	17	18.85	16.64
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	8	7	15	15.95	8.32
Accidents	6	1	7	7.44	5.2
Bronchitis ..	3	1	4	4.25	7.28
Hyperplasia of Prostate ..	3	-	3	3.19	1.92
Congenital Malformations ..	2	1	3	3.19	1.92

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING 1960

	Male	Female
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	-	-
2. Tuberculosis, other	-	-
3. Syphilitic disease	1	-
4. Diphtheria	-	-
5. Whooping Cough	-	-
6. Meningococcal infections	-	-
7. Acute poliomyelitis	-	-
8. Measles	-	-
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	1	-
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	3	-
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung and bronchus	4	1
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	2
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	1
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	4	2
15. Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	-	1
16. Diabetes	1	-
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	8	7
18. Coronary Disease, angina	5	6
19. Hypertension with heart disease	2	1
20. Other heart disease	1	8
21. Other circulatory disease	-	2
22. Influenza	-	-
23. Pneumonia	-	1
24. Bronchitis	3	1
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	1	-
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-	-
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	-
28. Nephritis and nephrosis	-	-
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	3	-
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-
31. Congenital malformations	2	1
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	5	7
33. Motor Vehicle accidents	3	1
34. All other accidents	3	-
35. Suicide	1	1
36. Homicide and operations of war	-	-
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NATURAL INCREASE - EXCESS OF BIRTHS OVER DEATHS

	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960
Births	132	123	143	204	261	283	276	269	259	258
Deaths	100	84	75	102	95	107	109	111	104	94
Natural Increase	32	39	68	102	166	176	167	158	155	164
Estimated Pop.	8,472	8,422	8,487	10,240	11,120	11,270	11,410	11,710	11,860	12,130

SECTION B

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Incidence of Infectious Diseases (Corrected notifications)

	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960
Scarlet Fever	6	9	3	-	3	5	5
Measles	1	135	-	90	136	11	-
Whooping Cough	4	2	57	1	2	10	4
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis							
Paralytic	1	-	1	1	-	-	-
Non-Paralytic ..	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
Acute Polio Encephalitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meningococcal Infection	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	5	2	8	16	58	-	5
Enteric Fevers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food poisoning	-	5	-	-	1	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gastro Enteritis ..	-	5	-	3	-	-	-
Paratyphoid Fevers ..	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cerebro Spinal Fever..	1	-	-	-	-	-	-

ANALYSIS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES BY AGE GROUPS

	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough		Dysentery
Under 1 year	-	-	Under 5 years	3
1 - 2	-	2	5 - 14	1
3 - 4	2	1	15 - 44	-
5 - 9	3	1	45 - 64	-
10 - 14	-	-	65 & over	-
15 - 24	-	-	Age unknown	1
25 & over	-	-		
Age unknown	-	-		

TUBERCULOSIS

	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960
NEW CASES										
Pulmonary	-	1	5	8	11	8	5	6	6	-
Non-Pulmonary	-	-	-	2	3	2	1	1	-	-
Total	-	1	5	10	14	10	6	7	6	-
DEATHS										
Pulmonary	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	1	1	-
Non-Pulmonary	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	1	-	-	1	2	-	1	1	-

TUBERCULOSIS REGISTER. The number of Tuberculosis cases on the Register on 31st December, 1960 was 56

The Distribution was as follows:-

	Pear-tree Ward	Hagley Ward	Ravenhill Ward	Brereton Ward	Wolseley Road Ward
Pulmonary	15	8	4	16	3
Non-Pulmonary ..	2	2	2	2	2
Total	17	10	6	18	5

Additions to Register

PULMONARY

No. of New Notifications	..	..	..	..	..	-
No. of Transfers IN	..	..	..	..	..	-
No. Restored to Register	..	..	..	..	..	-
Total	..	..	..	..	..	-

Deletions from Register

PULMONARY

No. Died	..	..	..	..	..	-
No. Recovered	..	..	..	..	..	1
No. of Transfers OUT	..	..	..	..	..	5
Total	..	..	..	..	..	6

Additions to Register

NON-PULMONARY

No. of New Notifications	..	..	..	..	..	-
No. of Transfers IN	..	..	..	..	..	-
No. Restored to Register	..	..	..	..	..	-
Total	..	..	..	..	..	-

Deletions from Register

NON-PULMONARY

No. Died	..	..	..	..	..	-
No. Recovered	..	..	..	..	..	-
No. of Transfers OUT	..	..	..	..	..	-
Total	..	..	..	..	..	-

CANCERS

There were 17 deaths from cancer, one more than in the previous year. The following table shows the trend over the last 10 years.

	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960
Deaths	12	14	17	23	16	17	24	13	16	17
Population	8,472	8,422	8,487	10,240	11,120	11,270	11,410	11,710	11,860	12,130
Rate per 1,000 of the pop.	1.41	1.66	2.00	2.24	1.43	1.50	2.10	1.11	1.33	1.40

HOUSING ACTS 1936 & 1957

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1953

UNFIT HOUSES

During the year the following houses were demolished in the district -

21 Redbrook Lane, Brereton.
22 Redbrook Lane, Brereton.
23 Redbrook Lane, Brereton.
24 Redbrook Lane, Brereton.
25 Redbrook Lane, Brereton.

During the year the following two houses were closed as a result of proceedings under the Housing Acts -

9 Market Square.
41 Elmore Lane.

Unfit Houses Represented during the Year

The following 13 houses were represented to the Council during the year as being in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation -

25 A Upper Brook Street	..	..	..	..	..	Repaired
25 B Upper Brook Street	..	..	..	..	..	Repaired
Merrick, Coalpit Lane, Brereton	..	..	..	..	..	Closing Order
12 Elmore Lane	..	..	..	..	..	Demolition Order
14 Elmore Lane	..	..	..	..	..	Demolition Order
Bostock, Glovers Hill, Brereton	..	..	..	..	..	Closing Order
Smith, Glovers Hill, Brereton	..	..	..	..	..	Closing Order
85 Armitage Road	..	..	..	..	..	Closing Order
Brereton Hall Cottage	..	..	..	..	..	Closing Order
3 Redbrook Lane, Brereton	...	..	..	..	..	Clearance Order
5 Redbrook Lane, Brereton	...	..	..	..	..	Clearance Order
7 Redbrook Lane, Brereton	..	..	..	..	..	Clearance Order
9 Redbrook Lane, Brereton	..	...	..	..	..	Clearance Order

Unfit Houses still in Occupation at 31st December, 1960.

The following 18 dwellings (in respect of which the Council have put on Demolition Orders or Closing Orders, or accepted Undertakings not to relet) are still in occupation -

Threadgold, Love Lane, 22nd February, 1953	..	..	Undertaking.
Lower Birches Farm House, 3rd April, 1954	..	..	Undertaking.
Molineux, Glovers Hill, 22nd November, 1955	..	..	Undertaking.
38 Bow Street, 13th December, 1956	..	..	Closing Order.
20 Market Street, 20th November, 1957	..	..	Demolition Order
82 Queen Street, 20th November, 1957	..	..	Demolition Order
84 Queen Street, 20th November, 1957	..	..	Demolition Order
1 Green Lane, 1957	..	..	Purchased by Council
Merrick, Coalpit Lane, 20th October, 1960	..	..	Closing Order
12 Elmore Lane, 21st December, 1960	..	..	Demolition Order
Bostock, Glovers Hill, 21st December, 1960	..	..	Closing Order
Smith, Glovers Hill, 21st December, 1960	..	..	Closing Order
85, Armitage Road, 21st December, 1960	..	..	Closing Order
Brereton Hall Cottage, 27th April, 1960	..	..	Closing Order
3 Redbrook Lane, 28th May, 1961	..	..	Clearance Order
5 Redbrook Lane, 28th May, 1961	..	..	Clearance Order
7 Redbrook Lane, 28th May, 1961	..	..	Clearance Order
9 Redbrook Lane, 28th May, 1961	..	..	Clearance Order

Unfit Houses not occupied at 31st December, 1960.

The following 11 houses are not occupied for human habitation but are subject to Demolition Orders, Closing Orders or Undertakings not to relet -

Late Whittaker, Love Lane,	27th October, 1952..	Closing Order
9 Market Square,	18th April, 1956 ..	Closing Order
11 Market Square	21st November, 1956	Closing Order
Empty House, Bradburys Row,..		
Brereton	20th February,1957..	Demolition Order
Late Renshaw, Bradburys Row,..		
Brereton	20th February,1957..	Demolition Order
Late Oldacre, Bradburys Row,		
Brereton	20th February,1957..	Demolition Order
6 Elmore Lane.. .. .	17th April, 1957 ..	Closing Order
8 Elmore Lane.. .. .	17th April, 1957 ..	Closing Order
74 Church Street	1957 ..	Purchased by Council.
41 Elmore Lane	19th November, 1958	Closing Order
2 Brewery Street,	18th November, 1959	Closing Order

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

In 1960 the seventh full year in which the gauges were in operation the following results were obtained.

	Site 1		Site 1		Site 2		
	Solid Deposit tons/sq.ml./mth.		Sulphur Dioxide mgm./100sq.cm/day		Sulphur Dioxide mgm/100sq.cm/day		Rainfall 1960
	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	
January	9.97	8.70	0.77	1.23	1.83	2.20	5.00
February	6.07	3.63	0.88	0.89	1.72	2.10	2.05
March	7.07	9.43	0.98	0.76	1.96	1.27	1.73
April	4.70	5.13	0.61	0.50	1.15	1.07	1.30
May	9.91	5.44	0.55	0.55	1.01	0.95	1.77
June	12.18	9.90	0.39	0.21	0.73	0.62	1.46
July	8.30	12.04	0.20	0.15	0.38	0.36	3.15
August	4.49	5.87	0.23	0.67	0.53	0.81	2.21
September	8.91	3.98	0.42	0.40	0.77	0.84	4.29
October	8.47	9.24	0.55	0.52	1.11	1.09	4.37
November	13.37	9.87	0.66	0.68	0.86	1.82	4.06
December	6.30	7.50	0.86	0.64	1.61	1.13	1.97
Monthly Average	8.31	7.56					2.78
Daily Average			0.59	0.60	1.14	1.21	

Site 1. is at the rear of Eaton Lodge Hotel, Wolseley Road.
Site 2. is on open ground at Heathfields Farm, Etching Hill.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

Ladies & Gentlemen,

I have the honour of presenting my 30th Annual Report dealing with the work carried out in my department during 1960

DRAINAGE OF THE DISTRICT

Premises not within 100 feet of the sewer

There is no sewer available in Fortescue Lane (part), Wolseley Road (part), Etching Hill, and Slitting Mill, where the closet accommodation is as follows:-

HEDNESFORD ROAD.

5 premises

FORTESCUE LANE.

19 premises with W.C.'s to Septic Tanks.

7 premises with pail closets.

WOLSELEY ROAD AREA.

44 premises with W.C.'s to Septic Tanks.

28 premises to private sewage disposal installations.

ETCHING HILL AREA.

153 premises with W.C.'s to Septic Tanks.

12 premises with pail closets.

2 premises with privy middens.

SLITTING MILL AREA.

40 premises with W.C.'s to Septic Tanks.

25 premises with pail closets.

8 premises with privy middens.

SWIMMING BATHS

There are no private swimming baths or pools in the area.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

(a) DRY HOUSE REFUSE.- The whole of the refuse of the district is removed by the Council's workmen in two covered vehicles, once every week. The Council carry out Controlled Tipping at the tips.

(b) CONTENTS OF PAIL CLOSETS, CESSPOOLS, ETC.- This is conveyed from the premises in a special trailer sludge tank. The pail closets are emptied once every week. Cesspools were emptied 146 times by the Council's workmen during the year, and the Mount Road tank was emptied 12 times. The Council have now engaged the services of a specialist cesspool and gully emptying firm for an experimental period.

SANITARY IMPROVEMENTS AND NOTICES

Number of visits during the year, either in connection with Infectious Disease, or in course of investigating complaints, or in carrying out surveys amount to 2,351.

Number of STATUTORY NOTICES complied with: 94 as follows:-

SHOPS ACT, 1950

Section 38. Defective closet accommodation 0

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1935

Section 39. Defective or insufficient drainage.. .. . 11
Section 45. Defective closet accommodation 8
Section 75. Provision of new dustbins 6
Section 83. Cleansing of premises 5
Section 89. Sanitary conveniences at Inns.. .. . 2
Section 93. Houses made fit or repaired 12

Number of INTIMATORY or VERBAL NOTICES complied with, 284 as follows:-

Dwelling houses made fit or repaired 72
Obstructed drains cleansed 30
Drains amended in construction 2
Water closet basins renewed.. .. . 7
Water closet cisterns repaired or renewed 28
Dustbins provided 83
Animals improperly kept 2
Cesspools emptied or repaired 7
Burst water piping 18
Offensive accumulations 10
Dirty Houses 2
Caravans causing nuisance 23

PREMISES AND OCCUPATIONS WHICH CAN BE CONTROLLED BY BY-LAWS
OR REGULATIONS

There are no Common Lodging Houses in this District. There is a Tannery in the district. There are no underground sleeping places in the district. There are no By-Laws for:- Houses-let-in-Lodgings, tents, vans, sheds, etc., or Lodgings and accommodations for Hop-pickers. There are By-Laws for dealing with offensive trades. There is one offensive trade in the district.

SCHOOLS

In Rugeley Town and Brereton the sanitary conveniences are on the water carriage system. The Slitting Mill Schools have water closets draining to a cesspool. The water supply to all the schools is received from the Council's mains.

RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951

There are no premises in the district which are controllable by The Council under the Act, viz., Registered Premises, where filling materials are used in the manufacture of bedding, toys, upholstery, etc., or Licensed Premises, where rag flock is (a) manufactured or (b) stored for distribution to Registered Premises.

HOUSING

1. UNFIT DWELLING HOUSES

INSPECTION - (1)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects under Public Health Acts or Housing Acts	360
	Number of Inspections made for that purpose	500
(2)	Number of Houses inspected and recorded under Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925	323
	Number of inspections made for that purpose	400
(3)	Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as being unfit for human habitation	13
(4)	Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under previous sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for habitation	284

2. REMEDY OF DEFECTS WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES

Number of defected dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers 91

3. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS

HOUSES DEMOLISHED OR CLOSED

(a) - Proceedings under Housing Act, 1936.		
(1)	Demolished as a result of formal or informal procedure (Sec. 11)	5
(2)	Closed in pursuance of an undertaking given by the owners under Sec.11 and still in force	0
(3)	Parts of buildings closed (Sec.12)	0
(b) - Proceedings under Housing Act, 1949, closed as a result of Closing Orders under Sec.3		0
(c) - Proceedings under Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953. Closed as a result of Closing Orders under Sec. 10 and 11.. .. .		1
(d) - Proceedings under Housing Act, 1957, closed as a result of Closing Orders under Sec. 16		1

REPAIRS

(a) - Proceedings under Public Health Acts. Houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices.		
(1)	By owners	91
(2)	By local authority in default	1
(b) - Proceedings under Housing Act, 1957. Houses made fit after service of formal notices		
(1)	By owners	101
(2)	By local authority in default	0

RODENT CONTROL

The work of dealing with infestations has been carried out throughout the year under my supervision.

During the year the part time Rodent Operative was on duty 446½ hours. Of this 65½ hours was spent on treating the Council's property such as sewage works, refuse tips, etc., 205½ hours were spent at private houses, canal banks, hedge rows etc., and the remaining 175½ hours were spent on either rechargable work at business premises, or the general inspection of business premises.

In addition to the above the baiting of sewers was again carried out twice yearly.

CARAVANS

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936 SECTION 269

There are 17 caravans licensed under the above Act within the Urban District.

No nuisance has resulted from these caravans during the year. The names of those holding licenses and the site of each caravan are as follows:-

Mr. J. Norman "The Vine Inn," Sheep Fair.
 Mr. F. M. Hill, "Sunnybank," Slitting Mill.
 Mr. F.E. Burton, Love Lane.
 Mr. D.I. Wassell, Heathfields Farm, Etching Hill.
 Mr. D. Walker, Slitting Mill.
 Mr. G. Emmerson, Slitting Mill.
 Mr. T. Cruise, 50 Park View Terrace.
 Mr. A. Sharratt, Heathfields Farm, Etching Hill.
 Mr. B.T.C. Howe, Love Lane.
 Mr. D.M. Harley, Love Lane.
 Mr. D. Russell, Trent Farm.
 Mr. A.E. Oakley, Love Lane.
 Mr. A. Venables, 19 Sheep Fair.
 Mr. S. Williams, Upper Birches Farm.
 Mr. C.J. Vernon, Bradbury's Row, Brereton.
 Mr. H.G. Evans, 16, Bryans Lane.
 Mr. S. Southall, Market Street.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

1. FOOD PREMISES IN THE DISTRICT

Wet fish shops	1
Combined fruit, vegetable and wet fish shops	4
Butchers shops	11
Cafes	6
Bakehouses	1
Fried Fish shops	3
General shops for the sale of sweets, grocery, provisions fruit and vegetables	20
Sweet shops	4
Cake shops	5
Fruit and Vegetable shops	4
School Canteens	11
Public Houses	30
Chemists	4
Works Canteens	4
Private Clubs, etc.,	7

2. PREMISES REGISTERED UNDER SECTION 14 OF THE FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1938, AND THE ICE CREAM REGULATIONS

(a)	For the preparation or manufacture of cooked meats, etc	12
(b)	For the manufacture of ice cream by hot mix	0
(c)	For the manufacture of ice cream by cold mix	0
(d)	For the sale and storage of ice cream only. Such ice cream being purchased from the leading manufacturers	44

3. METHODS OF DISPOSAL OF CONDEMNED FOODS

(a) Meat. Unfit meat is disposed of in accordance with the provisions of the Meat (Staining and Sterilization) Regulations, 1960.

(b) Other foods. Tins pierced, jars etc. broken. Contents of same and other foods buried at refuse tips.

4. It has not been found necessary to examine any special consignment or stock of food during the year. Mostly on request for examination by the provision merchants the following were found to be unfit for human consumption:-

146 tins of tomatoes, 123 tins of fruit, 49 tins of meat, 3 jars of marmalade, 8 tins of beans, 10 tins of fish, 9 tins of soup, 27 tins of peas, 3 tins of rice, 4 tins of syrup, 3 tins of milk, 1 tin of ham, 4 tins of cream, 4 tins of salmon, 1 bottle of salad cream, 22 packets of cereals, 12 packets of semolina, 30 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs. of wet fish, 70lbs. of frozen liver, 1 box of pigs kidneys.

5. ICE CREAM (HEAT TREATMENT) REGULATIONS, 1947-52

It will be seen that no ice cream is now manufactured in the district either by hot or cold mix.

6. FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS, 1955

The number of food premises other than registered premises which were inspected during the year was 80. The number of statutory notices complied with was 12.

All the occupiers of food premises in the district and their employees have co-operated to ensure compliance with the above provisions. During the year, compliance with statutory notices has resulted in the following improvements.

Regulation 6.	To cleanliness of equipment	1
Regulation 12.	To soil drainage	4
Regulation 14.	To sanitary accommodation	2
Regulation 19.	Provision of hot and cold water over food and equipment sinks	0
Regulation 23.	To cleanliness of food rooms	5

7. ADULTERATION, etc. This is not an authority for enforcing the Acts and Regulations referred to under this head.

8. CHEMICAL AND BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF FOOD. The Staffordshire County Council has provided laboratories and carries out such work.

MEAT INSPECTION

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known) ..	344	38	75	1,128	537	22
Number inspected	344	38	75	1,128	537	22
ALL DISEASES EX- CEPT TUBERCULOSIS AND CYSTICERCOSIS						
Whole carcasses condemned ..	10	28	1	5	5	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ..	22	1	-	5	4	-
Percentage of the number ins- pected affected with disease other than tu- berculosis & cysticercosis	9.30%	76.30%	1.33%	0.80%	1.67%	-
TUBERCULOSIS ONLY;						
Whole carcasses condemned ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ..	4	-	-	-	6	-
Percentage of the number ins- pected affected with tuberculosis	1.16%	-	-	-	1.12%	-
CYSTICERCOSIS						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases sub- mitted to treat- ment by refrig- eration ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condem- ned. ..	-	-	-	-	-	-

Most of the cows slaughtered were at Mr. A. Parker's Slaughterhouse. The condemned percentage figures are on the high side because this is a casualty station for the emergency slaughter of animals from the districts surrounding Rugeley. It is also used by the Ministry of Agriculture Inspectors for the slaughter of animals under the T.B. Order.

SLAUGHTER HOUSES AND KNACKERS' YARDS

Food and Drugs Act, 1955, Section 62

There are four slaughter houses and one knacker's yard licensed under the above Act within the district. They are as follows --

Slaughterhouse, Love Lane. Owner Mr. A. Parker.

Slaughterhouse, Upper Brook Street. Owner Mr. R. Sanders.

Slaughterhouse, Horse Fair. Owner Mr. A. Astbury.

Slaughterhouse, Brereton. Owner Mr. R. Sanders.

Knackers Yard, Leathermill Lane. Owner Mr. A. Parker.

SLAUGHTER-MEN

Slaughter of Animals Acts, 1933 and 1951

The following is a list of persons licensed to slaughter or stun animals in slaughter-houses and knackers' yards.

Mr. A. Astbury, Holly Lodge, Sandy Lane, Rugeley.

Mr. E. E. Upton, Wolseley Road, Rugeley.

Mr. G. Parker, Bridge House, Love Lane, Rugeley.

Mr. P. Parker, Bridge House, Love Lane, Rugeley.

Mr. D. O. Sanders, Horse Fair, Rugeley.

Mr. A. E. Chinnoek, 35 Armitage Road, Rugeley.

Mr. R. W. Wallbank, 7 Mossley, Rugeley.

Mr. S. R. Sanders, 30b Horse Fair, Rugeley.

Mr. J.K. Rosser, 43 Springfield Avenue, Rugeley.

Mr. K. A. Hollins, 48 Queen Street, Rugeley.

Mr. F. Southwell, "Hillcrest," Hednesford Road, Rugeley.

Mr. F. B. Cowan, 41, Church Street, Rugeley.

WATER SUPPLY

The Council obtain their water in bulk from the South Staffordshire Water Company. This supply has been satisfactory (a) in quality and (b) in quantity.

In addition to the samples we submit to the County Analyst and County Bacteriologist, the Water Works Company take frequent samples of the raw water for bacteriological and chemical examination (a) before treatment (b) after treatment, and (c) from taps in our district.

The supply is a constant one, and does not have a plumbo-solvent action. There was no action in respect of any form of contamination during the year.

All the dwelling houses etc., in the district are supplied from the public mains, and the supply in each case is directly over the sink.

The following are reports of samples of the Council's Public Water Supply:-

ANALYST'S REPORT-

pH Value	..	..	..	..	..	..	7.4
							Parts per Million
Total solid matter dried at 212° F	..	..	..	..	..	..	340.0
Free and Saline Ammonia	..	..	..	..	..	..	Nil
Albuminoid	..	..	..	..	..	..	0.02
Nitric Nitrogen	..	..	..	..	..	..	6.0
Chlorine present as Chloride	..	..	..	..	..	..	30.0
Oxygen absorbed in 4 hours at 80° F	..	..	..	..	..	..	0.13
Appearance - Clear and Colourless							
Metallic contamination	..	..	..	..	..	..	Nil
Total Hardness	..	..	..	..	..	..	15.4°
Permanent Hardness	..	..	..	..	..	..	6.1°
Temporary Hardness	..	..	..	..	..	..	9.3°

REMARKS:- This water is chemically of satisfactory quality.

BACTERIOLOGIST'S REPORT -

Probable number of coliform bacilli, MacConkey 2 days, 37° C :-
Nil per 100 ml.

PETROLEUM (Regulations) ACTS, 1928 and 1936

Petroleum (mixtures) Order, 1929.

Licences were granted subject to the licensees complying with the Council's regulations and the Chief Fire Officer's recommendations.

The premises licensed within the Urban District are listed below:-

Palfreyman's Yard, Sheep Fair - Mr.A.Manton	..	..	500	gallons
Garage, Brereton Road-Messrs.J.Edwards & Son	..	..	9000	gallons
Garage, Wolseley Road - Messrs.J.S. Pendlebury	..	..	2000	gallons
Garage, Anson Street - Fred Degg Ltd	..	..	1000	gallons
Garage, Bees Lane - Messrs.J.Edwards & Son	..	..	1300	gallons
Garage, Wolseley Road - Mr. S. Cubley..	..	..	2500	gallons
Garage, Market Street - Rugeley Motors	..	..	9000	gallons
Garage, Armitage Road - Mr.A.R. Harding	..	..	6000	gallons
Garage, Elmore Lane - Messrs.M.A.&C.J. Whieldon..	..	..	1000	gallons
Brereton Wharves Ltd., Wharf Road..	..	..	500	gallons
Mr. A. Parker, Bridge House, Love Lane	..	..	500	gallons
Electronic Products, Ravenhill	..	..	500	gallons
Rugeley Industrial Co-operative Society Ltd	..	..	750	gallons
Staffordshire Fire Brigade, Taylors Lane	..	..	40	gallons
Mr. J. Carney, Wolseley Road	..	..	500	gallons
Garage, Wolseley Road, Richardsons Transport	..	..	9000	gallons
Lea Hall Colliery	..	..	3000	gallons
Midway Service Station, Brereton	..	..	9000	gallons
United Constructions Ltd. Armitage Road	..	..	12000	gallons
Babcock & Wilcox, Rugeley Power Station	..	..	500	gallons

FACTORY ACT 1937

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health.

Premises (1)	Number of			
	Number on Register (2)	Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occu- piers prose- cuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	-	-	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	44	58	-	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	44	58	-	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (s.1) ..	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)	-	-	-	-	-
(A) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(B) Unsuitable or defective	5	5	-	-	-
(C) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences (not including offences relating to Homework)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	5	5	-	-	-

3. OUTWORKERS - Nil.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

J.T.G. CRADLOCK.

Chief Public Health Inspector.



